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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S SEPT 16 CINCINNATI SPEECH - MIDDLE EAST

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1. DURING SEPT 19 COURTESY CALL TO PAY MY RESPECTS ON PRES HAMDI FOLLOWING MY RECENT RETURN FROM VACATION, I TOOK OPPORTUNITY TO CALL HIS ATTENTION TO THE HIGHLIGHTS OF SECRETARY KISSINGER'S SEPT 16 SPEECH IN CINCINNATI CONCERNING THE FUTURE DIRECTION OF US/MIDDLE EAST POLICY. DRAWING ON PARA 1 REFTEL I EMPHASIZED USG COMMITMENT TO MAINTAIN THE MOMENTUM IN OUR PEACE EFFORTS. PRES HAMDI EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THE COMPLEXITIES INVOLVED BUT ALSO STRESSED THE NEED TO CONTINUE AMERICAN EFFORTS NOTING THAT "PRESIDENT SADAT WILL BE ISOLATED IF THERE IS NO FURTHER MOVEMENT PARTICULARLY ON THE SYRIAN SIDE". PRES HAMDI CONTINUED THAT WHILE RECENTLY IN SYRIA HE GAINED DISTINCT IMPRESSION FROM TALKS WITH PRES ASAD THAT SYRIA IS "READY" TO PROCEED AND IN FACT WANTS VERY BADLY A SETTLEMENT WHICH WILL ENABLE PRES ASSAD TO WITHSTAND PRESSURES FROM EXTREMISTS

BOTH WITHIN AND OUTSIDE OF SYRIA.
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